

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of the claims:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1.(amended) A gas generator comprising:

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a container including an outer-shell member with an opening, and a partition member disposed at least partly inside the outer-shell member to form a plurality of chambers inside the container and fixed to the outer-shell member, said partition member having one end fixed to an inside surface of the outer-shell member and the other end passing through and extending outward from the opening of the outer-shell member,

a fixation area increasing portion formed ~~at-at-least-one-of-the partition-member-and-the-outer-shell-member-to-increase-connection between-the-outer-shell-member-and-the-partition-member~~, of an annular portion provided at the outer-shell member to protrude inwardly of the outer-shell member for defining the opening and having an inner edge, said annular portion fitting onto the partition member for increasing connection between the outer-shell member and the partition member,

a gas generating agent disposed inside the plurality of chambers of the container, and

an igniter disposed in the partition member for igniting the gas generating agent, and

an annular squib holder located inside the partition member to support the igniter thereon and face the fixation area increasing portion of the outer-shell member, said squib holder having an upper edge contacting the partition member which is substantially located in a horizontal level where the inner edge of the annular portion is located so that the squib holder and the annular portion sandwich the partition member therebetween to securely hold and support the partition member.

2.(currently amended) A gas generator according to claim 1, wherein ~~said-partition-member-has-a-cylindrical-shape-having-one-end-fixed-to-an-inside-surface-of-the-outer-shell-member-at-one-side-thereof,-and-the-other-end-passing-through-and-extending-outward-from-an-opening~~

~~provided-at-the-other-side-of-the-outer-shell-member,~~ an inner peripheral surface of the annular portion for defining the opening of the outer-shell member and an outer peripheral surface of the tubular partition member are fixed together,~~said-fixation-area-increasing portion-increases-a-fixation-area-of-the-inner-peripheral-surface defining-the-opening-and-the-outer-peripheral-surface-of-the-partition member.~~

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3. (cancelled)

4.(original) A gas generator according to claim 2, wherein the inner peripheral surface defining the opening of the outer-shell member and the outer peripheral surface of the partition member are welded together.

5. (cancelled)

6.(currently amended) A gas generator according to claim 5 1, further comprising an enhancer cup disposed between the squib holder and the inside surface of the outer-shell member inside the partition member.

7.(original) An airbag device comprising:

an airbag;

the gas generator of claim 1 for generating gas for expanding the airbag; and

a module cover for covering the airbag.
